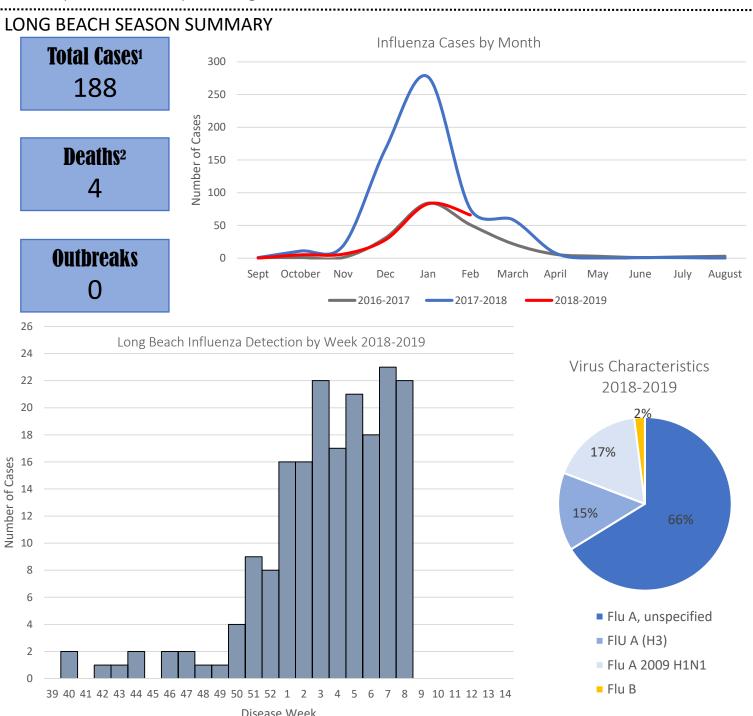




2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

Statewide, influenza remains widespread, and Influenza A 2009 (H1N1) remains the most commonly identified flu virus this season in CA. Among sentinel laboratories in LA County, 14.7% of specimens tested positive.³ In Long Beach, the activity level **for this time of year** is similar to the previous seasons, however still less severe than the 2017-2018 season. The median age among Long Beach cases is 38.5 (0-104) years, with 33% of cases being less than 18 years of age. All recorded deaths in Long Beach have been in persons over 60 years of age.



^{1.} Influenza is voluntarily reported to the health department. The total number of cases may not reflect the true number of influenza cases in Long Beach. Numbers are not final and there are delays in reporting are expected each week

^{2.} Number of deaths is based on influenza-coded deaths from death certificates. They are not necessarily laboratory-confirmed and may be an underestimate of all influenza-associated deaths.

^{3.} Influenza Watch Week 5. LA County Public Health, Acute Communicable Disease Control